



Château Malartic-Lagravière White 2017

Classified Growth of Graves in Red and in White Appellation Pessac-Léognan (A.O.C.)

Vintage

An early and challenging 2017 vintage, in which the Malartic teams rose to the occasion!

Climatic conditions were marked by **historic frosts** in late April, that impacted especially the second wines. Fortunately, this was followed by some excellent spring weather, resulting in a fast, uniform and **beautiful flowering mid-May**. The late spring with a heatwave period was followed by an uneven summer but this promoted excellent ripening.

We approached the harvest early September with optimism. The whites, with great concentrations and nice freshness, showed **superb aromas**.

The reds quickly followed two weeks later (14 September to 3 October): This harvests required a **responsive approach**: relatively early and intense, but calm. The changeable weather forced a day-to-day monitoring but without ever overwhelming us.

Despite low volumes, the grapes had ripened very well, thanks to the careful selection work carried out after the frost by our team.

For the whites, the aromatic profiles are superb; the wines show a crisp line of acidity, good tightness and a pleasant sappiness, with plenty of fruit and a good quality framework.

The Malartic reds also present beautiful aromatic concentrations, with delicious fruitiness accompanied by a pleasant freshness, a sure sign of balance. The tannins are ripe, with a velvety, rounded texture. **Overall, the impression is of superb complexity and depth.**

Harvest period

Sauvignon from September, 5th to 11th 2017
Sémillon September, 12th 2017

Blend

Sauvignon 80 %
Sémillon 20 %

Technical data

Total area (A.O.C.) 53 hectares
Area in white (A.O.C.) 7 hectares
Geology Well-drained gravels and clay gravels
Grape varieties Sauvignon 80% - Semillon 20%
Density of plantation 10 000 plants / ha
Pruning method Guyot double
Average age of the vineyard 31 years old
Average yield 20 hl/ha
Harvest Handpicking - 2 Successive sorting - Sustainable farming - and High Value Environmental certification*

Vinification Slow pressing, cold stabilization and fermentation in barrels
Fermentation temperature 20-22°
Ageing On lees with bâtonnage in traditional French oak barrels
New oak 50%
Ageing period In progress
Oenologist Consultants Michel Rolland

**HVE, level 3 (the highest) since 2015. A unique reference of environmental quality, prioritizing biodiversity inside and all around plots.)*





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wineenthusiast.com – Roger Voss – 2017 Barrel Sample "My 10 Favorite Wines from Pessac-Léognan and Graves" – April 2018

94-96 Barrel Sample. Rich and warm, this generous wine balances a strongly mineral texture and acidity with ripe quince, apple and pear flavors. It is a wine for aging, likely to be ready to drink from 2023.

jamesuckling.com – James Suckling – Bordeaux En Primeur 2017 Review – April 2018

94-95 Sollid as a rock with so much zest of limes and lemons. Crush stones and limestone. Full-bodied, driven and bright.

Vinous.com – Neal Martin – The F-Word: Bordeaux 2017 – May 2018

92-94 The 2017 Malartic-Lagravière Blanc has a clean, precise and mineral-driven bouquet with touches of smoke and flint hovering like errant school-kids in the background. The palate is very well balanced and full of energy. The acidity neatly counterbalances with saline apply fruit with great persistence on the finish, and touches of lemongrass that linger on the aftertaste. This is one of the best Pessac-Léognan whites that you will find in this vintage.

winespectator.com – James Molesworth – 2017 Bordeaux Barrel Tastings: Top Dry Whites – April 2018

91-94 Really bracing and pure right now, featuring lively lime zest, kiwifruit and tarragon notes. The long, rapierlike finish lingers, with mouthwatering chive and sel gris accents.

tastingbook.com – Markus del Monego – En Primeur Tasting Vintage 2017 – April 2018

95 Bright yellow with green hue. Very elegant nose, initially quite closed. Elegant fruit, hints of ripe grapefruit, lemongrass, hints of tropical fruit and peaches in the background. On the palate well-structured with complex character, convincing length, crisp acidity and hints of minerality.

thewinecellarinsider.com – Jeffe Leve – 2017 Pessac Leognan Tasting Notes, Harvest info for Red and White Wine – April 2018

94 Floral in nature with a fine dusting of vanilla bean, a slather of lemon curd and a thin slice of pineapple, this wine is fresh and alive with lift, sweetness and snappy yellow fruit prompting a crisp, incisive finish. The wine is made from a blend of 80% Sauvignon Blanc and 20% Semillon, reaching 13% alcohol and will be aged in 50% new, French oak barrels.

Decanter.com – Jane Anson – Bordeaux En Primeur 2017 – April 2018

92 Powerful and intense, this has clear Sauvignon character without being grassy. There's excellent depth of expression and a bright, zippy character that leads you through the palate. High, bright aromatics and great persistency.

robertparker.com – Lisa Perrotti-Brown – 2017 Bordeaux En Primeur – The Vintage Divergence – April 2018

90-92+ The tentative blend of the 2017 Blanc is 80% Sauvignon Blanc and 20% Sémillon. It opens with pretty lemon curd, white peach and fresh pineapple notes with suggestions of honeysuckle and mandarin peel. The palate is medium-bodied, fresh and zippy with wonderful purity and a long, zesty finish.

Vinous.com – Antonio Galloni – 2017 Bordeaux: The Heart of the Matter – May 2018

89-92 The 2017 Malartic-Lagravière Blanc pulses with energy. Green apple, pear, white flower and crushed rocks are all finely sketched in this bracing dry white. Sauvignon Blanc speaks with a real sense of authority here. Tasted three times.



matthewjukes.com – Matthew Jukes The Bordeaux Report 2017 En Primeur – April 2018

17,5+ Super-clean and super-vibrant, this is an ice-pick shaped lemon-zest explosion and it is delicious. The oak is perfectly managed and the whole experience is lip-smacking.

La Revue du Vin de France – Olivier Poels – Dégustations Primeurs 2017 – Mai 2018

17-17,5 Solide profondeur de matière et tension bien calée. Ce blanc au profil plus étiré que rond offre une finale très nette. Grand potentiel.

mybettanedesseauve.fr – Bettane et Desseauve – Primeurs 2017: Les meilleures notes de Bettane+Desseauve pour les Graves et le Sauternais – Avril 2018

17 Beaucoup d'ampleur et de tension, pureté aromatique exemplaire, grand avenir, confirmant la réussite de ce millésime pour les blancs secs.

jebdunnuck.com – Jeb Dunnuck – 2017 Bordeaux: A good yet irregular vintage – April 2018

90-92 The 2017 Château Malartic-Lagravière Blanc comes from deep gravelly soils in the Pessac-Léognan region and is 80% Sauvignon and 20% Sémillon brought up in 50% new French oak. It's another terrific white from this vintage. Racy white grapefruit, citrus, and ample minerality all flow to a medium-bodied, exceedingly elegant, crisp, yet balanced white that's going to put on weight with time in barrel and bottle.

jancisrobinson.com – Jancis Robinson – Bordeaux 2017: dry whites – April 2018

16,5 The pear fruit is all tied up in the oak on the nose giving an embryonic complexity. Rich and deep and so fresh. Impressive concentration and balance between crisp acidity and fruit sweetness. Drink 2019-2023

bmybordeaux.blogspot.fr – Christer Byklum – 2017 Primeur Pessac-Léognan – April 2018

91-93 Pale lemon yellow. Apples, citrus, fruity, floral, elegant nose. Fresh acidity, fruity, apples, citrus, spices, lovely texture and length.

Vert de Vin – Jonathan Choukroun Chicheportiche – Bordeaux En Primeur 2017 – Avril 2018

94 Le nez est frais, aromatique, élégant, racé et offre une fine intensité ainsi qu'une fine concentration. On y retrouve des notes de citron mûr, de pomme verte mûre et plus légèrement de pêche de vigne associées à des pointes de zestes ainsi qu'à de fines touches de minéralité racée/graves et à de subtiles/discrètes pointes de fleurs (en fond). La bouche est fruitée, équilibrée, élégante et offre une belle trame acidulée (agrumes), une belle fraîcheur, de la droiture, de la finesse, du dynamisme, une jolie définition, une jolie minéralité racée, un joli gras, une fine/subtile onctuosité (en fond), ainsi que de la profondeur. En bouche ce vin exprime des notes de citron mûr/acidulé, de pomme verte mûre/juteuse et plus légèrement de pêche de vigne associées à une subtile pointe d'ananas, de zestes, de mandarine mûre ainsi qu'à une discrète pointe d'amande, à des touches de graves et à une très discrète pointe de vanille/toasté (en fond). La fin de bouche est finement serrée.

Terre de Vins – Yohan Castaing – 2017 Millésime Courage – Avril 2018

91 Un peu caramel, un peu bois, quelques notes minérales et iodées. Bouche précise et fraîche, une précision d'ensemble pour un vin plus vertical qu'horizontal.

idealwine.net – Angélique De Lencquesaing – Primeurs 2017: nos coups de cœur à Pessac-Léognan – Avril 2018

Bel équilibre pour ce blanc doté d'une superbe minéralité, d'une belle acidité et d'une remarquable longueur.